

**353.730 Investigation of abandoned wells -- Application -- Report -- Bond.**

- (1) Any person may investigate an abandoned well upon receipt of approval from the department. The person shall submit to the department:
  - (a) An application requesting approval to investigate and stating the planned methods for the investigation. In all cases where there has been a complete severance of the ownership of the oil and gas from the ownership of the surface to be disturbed, the application shall include a plan to prevent erosion and sedimentation;
  - (b) A twenty-five dollar (\$25) fee; and
  - (c) A certification by the applicant that he has the authority to enter the property upon which the well is located and to conduct the investigation.
- (2) The department shall review all applications for investigation. If the department approves the request for investigation, the applicant shall be allowed to produce the well without a permit as required by KRS 353.570, and the applicant shall submit a report of investigation to the department on forms provided by the department. In order to produce the well for more than sixty (60) days, the applicant must obtain a bond as required by KRS 353.590(7) or (12). Notwithstanding the provisions of KRS 353.590(2), no fee shall be required for any such well.

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